

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are pending in the above-captioned patent application after this amendment. The Applicant has amended claim 27 and added claim 45 in view of the Telephonic Interviews with the Examiner as discussed below.

Support for the amendment to claim 27 and for new claim 45 can be found throughout the originally filed specification. In particular, support can be found in the specification at page 16, lines 8-30 at page 17, lines 4-31, and in Figures 1, 2 and 6A-6BB.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial Number 09/703,457 (hereinafter the "Parent Application"). It should be noted that New claim 45 is exactly the same in content as original claim 22 in the Parent Application. Original Claim 22 in the Parent Application is being cancelled in a concurrently filed Supplemental Response in the Parent Application.

No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested in view of the above-recited amendments and the arguments set forth below.

Interview Summary

On July 9, 2003, the undersigned attorney for the applicant participated in a couple of telephonic interviews with the Examiner, Paul M. Gurzo. Additionally, on July 11, 2003, the undersigned participated in a telephonic interview with the Examiner. During the interview of July 11, 2003, the Examiner stated that there may be a double patenting issue with regards to claims in the pending application and claim 22 of the Parent Application. In order to avoid this double patenting issue, claim 22 of the Parent Application has been cancelled in a concurrently filed amendment and new claim 45 has been added to the present application.

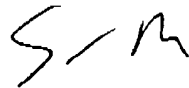
The applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his time and assistance during these interviews.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-45 are patentable and that the application is now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 858-456-1951 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,



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